

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Online Monitoring of Mid-Day Meal Scheme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes daily online monitoring of Mid-Day Meal Scheme in schools;
- (b) if so, the points at which online reporting is likely to be made under the said monitoring;
- (c) whether the quality of edibles especially rice, wheat and oil used for mid day meal is very poor; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make provision to inspect the items used in preparing food under the online monitoring of mid-day meal and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

- (a) & (b): The Ministry has suggested to the State Govts./UTs to have an automated system of data collection on a daily basis for monitoring of number of children that avail of mid day meal. The online reporting is to be made to the State level portal as well as the central level portal.
- (c) & (d): This Ministry has issued various instructions from time to time to maintain the quality of meals served to the children under MDMS. Updated guidelines on quality, safety and hygiene for school level kitchens have been issued to all the States / UTs on 13th February, 2015. These guidelines, inter alia, provide for procurement of Agmark quality and branded items for preparation of meals, tasting of meals by 2-3 adults members including at least one teacher before serving to children and to put in place a system of testing of food samples by accredited laboratories. Further, the MDM Rules, 2015 provide for mandatory testing of food samples on a monthly basis by Government recognized laboratories to ensure that the meals meet with nutritional standards and quality.
